## Friis, John

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Dear Senator Gaffey and Members of the Education Committee,

I am a senior at E. O. Smith High School and have been learning French for the past six years. As a result of my exposure to this degree of a language, I have come to feel that it is necessary for a student to have contact with a foreign language, no matter what his or her goals may be beyond high school. By beginning to learn French, I have become a more well adjusted member of society and feel more prepared to travel and communicate with different cultures. Also, by having instruction in a foreign language, a student not only learns about that foreign language, but also necessary communication skills in any language and situation.

In general, I wish to affirm my sincere support for the expansion of education in foreign languages. Thank you all for your consideration in the matter.

Best Wishes,

Brian Epling